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SUBJ: IV GRANT FOR IRASENCO ADMINISTRATOR DIARAF DIOUF

REF: A. DAKAR A-7, B. STATE 60828, C. DAKAR 0860, D. STATE 75317

1. IRASENCO LOGJAM MAY BE MOVING TOWARD RESOLUTION. NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY (NIOC) HAS PREPARED FEASIBILITY STUDY SUGGESTING VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR EVENTUAL CONFIGURATION OF COMPLEX WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR TREE YEARS. IRASENCO BOARD WILL BE MEETING IN DAKAR APRIL 12 WITH IBRD AND DAVID MORSE (GOS FINANCIAL ADVISOR) ON NIOC STUDY AND MAKE SOME DESICION, ON REFINERY AND OTHER CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS OF PROJECT. BOARD IS ALSO EXPECTED TO APPROVE STATUTES WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR CREATING IRASENCO SUBSIDIARY TO DEVELOP TOBENE PHOSPHATE MINE AND NAME IRASENCO ADMINISTRATOR DIARAF DIOUF DIRECTOR OF MINING OPERATION. DECISIONS OF BOARD EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED BY PRIME MINISTER ON MAY 2. ONCE MINING COMPANY HAS RECEIVED LEGAL GO-AHEAD, STAFF MEMBERS WILL BEGIN DRAWING UP TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS. SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER PLANNING TO GO TO TEHRAN IN JUNE TO REVIEW PROGRESS OR LACK OF SAME WITH GOI.

2. EMBOFFS MET WITH DIARAF DIOUF MARCH 31 TO DISCUSS HIS

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LONG STANDING IV GRANT TO VISIT US AND MAY 8 TRAVEL DATE REPORTED REFTEL B. IN VIEW OF REPEATED POSTPONEMENTS OF HIS TRIP, DIOUF SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO HONOR MAY 8 DATE IF HE COULD GET APPROVAL FROM PRIME MINISTER, BUT WOULD PREFER TO GO FOLLOWING TRIP TO TEHRAN IN JUNE. LEAVING ON MAY 8 WOULD TAKE HIM OFF SCENE WHEN ESSENTIAL TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH WILL GOVERN NEXT TWO YEARS WORK OF MINE

ARE BEING DRAWN UP. HOWEVER, THIS STAGE OF WORK WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER TEHRAN TRIP AND HE WILL HAVE TIME TO VISIT US IN RELAXED FRAME OF MIND. ALSO, IN JUNE, HE WILL TRAVEL AS MINE DIRECTOR AND HAVE GREATER AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON HIS OWN..

3. DIOUF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WILLINGNESS OF USG TO REPEATEDLY POSTPONE VISIT BUT NOTED THAT MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT LOUIS ALEXANDRENNE WILL BE VISITING US IN MAY AND WILL WANT TO CALL ON SOME OF SAME CONTACTS, I.E., FIRMS THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN MINE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN, NOT ONLY FOR TOBENE BUT POSSIBLY FOR FALEME IRON ORE MINE AS WELL (REF C). HE STATED THAT IF USG WILLING TO DEFER TRIP TO JUNE, HE WILL SET NEW DATE AND KEEP IT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY APPRECIATES EFFORTS CU/AF AND USDOC CONCERNING PROBLEMS PROGRAMMING DIOUF AND RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT OF TRIP TO LATE JUNE77.
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